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vol·a·tile (vŏl'ə-tl, -tīl)

*adj.*

1. *Chemistry.*
  - a. Evaporating readily at normal temperatures and pressures.
  - b. That can be readily vaporized.
2.
  - a. Tending to vary often or widely, as in price: *the ups and downs of volatile stocks.*
  - b. Inconstant; fickle: *a flirt's volatile affections.*
  - c. Lighthearted; flighty: *in a volatile mood.*
  - d. Ephemeral; fleeting.
3. Tending to violence; explosive: *a volatile situation with troops and rioters eager for a confrontation.*
4. Flying or capable of flying; volant.

[French, from